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Applicant(s): Bernstein et al.

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Examiner: Esaw T. Abraham

**Title: INTEGRATED CIRCUIT PHASE PARTITIONED POWER DISTRIBUTION FOR  
STRESS POWER REDUCTION**

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please enter this preliminary amendment prior to consideration of the Application on the merits.